September 2022 eNews

Welcome to the Office of Health Information Technology (IT) eNewsletter! Here you will find updates on health IT in Oregon and at the federal level. For a deeper dive into health IT in Oregon check out the Policy and Program Updates. If there are specific items you would like to see in this newsletter, please send ideas to HITOC.INFO@dhsoha.state.or.us.

State Highlights

Draft Report to the Legislature: Community Information Exchange Recommendations

The Health Information Technology Council (HITOC) submitted their draft report to the legislature on September 9, in advance of the deadline required under House Bill 4150 (2022). The report includes a series of preliminary recommendations developed by the Community Information Exchange (CIE) Workgroup between April and July 2022, HITOC's comments on the recommendations, and findings from surveys and interviews with community based organizations (CBOs).

Public comment is always welcome (see the end of the newsletter for details on how to submit public comment). Stay tuned for the final legislative report in January 2023, which will include additional considerations on CIE privacy and security, governance, and more. Recommendations may lead to legislative action in the 2023 session.

The CIE Workgroup meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month throughout 2022; the next meeting is October 18, 2022 and will focus on governance. Meetings are open to the public and available virtually. Please see the CIE Workgroup website for details and below for upcoming events.

2022 HITOC Data Report: September Education Session

On September 22 (noon-1pm), HITOC will hold an education session on the 2022 Health IT Report to HITOC. This session will feature updated data on electronic health record (EHR) and health information exchange (HIE) adoption and use across Oregon, gaps and challenges, and potential implications for HITOC's strategic planning work. This one-hour webinar will provide a high-level orientation to the health IT tools in use in Oregon and allow opportunity for HITOC members to ask in depth questions about the report.

OHA has held a series of education sessions for HITOC and members of the public to orient to key topics that will come up in the HITOC strategic plan work. These sessions are informational only. They are optional for HITOC members, and no official HITOC action (deliberation or decisions) will be made. The four previous education sessions on HIE Basics, Oregon's HIE Programs, Oregon's HIT Programs, and Federal Interoperability Final Rules can be viewed here.

HITOC

October Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is October 6 from 12:30-3:30 and will focus on strategic planning, including reviewing draft vision and goals, and revisiting strategies to address gaps in electronic health record adoption. HITOC will also host a panel of CIE users to hear about on the ground experiences implementing and using CIE and hear updates from the CIE Workgroup.

Upcoming Events: OHA Health IT Meetings/Events

- September 22, 12:00-1:00: HITOC education session on Oregon's Health IT Landscape.
  - This one-hour webinar will provide a high-level orientation to the health IT tools in use in Oregon, gaps and challenges, and potential implications for HITOC's strategic planning work.
- October 6, 12:30-3:30: HITOC meeting
- October 18, 12:30-3:00: CIE Workgroup monthly meeting
- October 21, 9:00-12:00: HIE Workgroup monthly meeting
- October 27, 1:00-4:00: CCO HIT Advisory Group (HITAG) quarterly meeting

Want to weigh in on OHA's Health IT work? How to make public comment:

OHA's Health IT committee and workgroup meetings (i.e., HITOC, CIE Workgroup, HIE Workgroup, HITAG) are open to the public, and public comment is always welcome at the meeting during the specified time or in writing at any time. Public comment is an important part of OHA's committee work and is an opportunity for members of the public to provide input and feedback to the Committee or Workgroup.

Meetings: Typically, the public comment period is held at the end of each meeting. There may occasionally be more than one comment period. Members of the public are asked to comment or post in the chat only during this period, and to keep verbal comments to about 2 minutes. The public comment period is held solely for the public to share their thoughts with the Committee or Workgroup. Committee members are unlikely to ask questions or respond to public comment directly but give consideration to public comments during committee work. If you know before the meeting that you'd like to provide public comment, you can email HITOC.INFO@dhsoha.state.or.us to sign up. If you'd like to provide public comment during the meeting, you can message one of the hosts to sign-up. If you are unable to message, please speak up during the open public comment period.

Written Comment: You can also send written public comment to HITOC.INFO@dhsoha.state.or.us at any time, to be included in a meeting please submit the comment no less than 2 business days before the intended meeting. Please specify which group it is for – HITOC, CIE Workgroup, HIE Workgroup, or HITAG. Written comment is emailed out and posted as part of meeting materials.

Have questions about public comment? We want to hear from you! Please email HITOC.INFO @dhsoha.state.or.us